

### BELGIAN MONARCH STARTS FOR U. S.

Heroic King Albert to Board the George Washington Today

PRaises U. S. IN WAR

By the Associated Press  
Brussels, Sept. 22.—King Albert and his party left Brussels this morning for Osnand, where they will board the American destroyer which is to convey them to the George Washington, lying three miles out. Rear Admiral Andrew T. Long, naval attache of the United States embassy in Paris, will accompany the party, receiving it officially aboard the George Washington.

King Albert received the correspondent of the Associated Press at the Laeken palace and talked with much interest of his trip to the United States. The king, wearing the field uniform of a Belgian general, recalled that he visited the United States twenty years ago and spent five months traveling from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast. He said that at that time he was interested in all he saw, but that now he was going to return the visit of President Wilson, to thank the people for the wonderful help they gave the Belgians and to learn those things which will be useful to the Belgians in building up their country. He said he hoped that because of the food scarcity there would not be many banquets.

"Our country is small," the king went on, "and many things are done in a small way, but we believe we will be able to apply many lessons from the people of America, which is always advanced and is always doing things. Our people greatly appreciate the splendid service of the American army. Your soldiers are fine fighting men and their deeds will never be forgotten. Your people did wonders in creating an army in a year and sending it to Europe, which shows the great power of the nation. Surely there have been many changes in the United States since my last visit and I am prepared for surprises, but I am looking forward with the greatest interest, and pleasure to this novel experience."

Asked if he would make an airplane flight while in the United States, King Albert smiled, but did not commit himself. He expressed the opinion, however, that the view from a New York skyscraper would be an inspiring sight.

The king showed his democratic nature by inviting the correspondent to be seated as soon as he entered the reception room where the king was seated beside a table.



**KING ALBERT**  
The Belgian monarch today will board the liner George Washington to sail for the United States

### AUSTRIA'S EXCLUSION TO BE CONFIRMED

Supreme Council Will Formally Annul Article 61 of German Constitution

Paris, Sept. 22.—(By A. P.)—The supreme council of the Peace Conference met this morning. Frank L. Polk, head of the American delegation, who has been spending a couple of days in the devastated regions, being in attendance.

The members of the supreme council, including Mr. Polk, will go to Versailles today to attend the signing of the protocol annulling article XXI of the German constitution, providing for Austrian representation in the German Parliament.

The document certifying the nullification of this clause will be signed by Baron Kurt von Lersner, head of the German mission at Versailles, at 4 o'clock today.

The council decided upon the repatriation of the Czech-Slovak troops remaining in Siberia, about 50,000 in number. The necessary tonnage will be furnished by the United States, Great Britain and France.

It was decided that the plebiscite in the Teschen district to settle the question whether the region should go to Poland or Czechoslovakia must take place within three months.

### DENY I. T. LINCOLN CALLED ON KAISER

Man Ousted From U. S. and Jailed as Forger Barred From Castle

SOUGHT WORD BY WILLIAM

By the Associated Press

Amerongen, Sept. 22.—An official statement issued from Bentinck Castle, the home of the former emperor of Germany, states that neither Ignatius Lincoln nor Herr Anderson saw Count Hohenzollern, nor were they even within the castle grounds. It is said, however, they did see some of the one-time monarch's suite, including General Dommes.

It is stated that Lincoln sought a public statement from Count Hohenzollern, but received a reply that the latter had never spoken publicly since he entered Holland, and no statement of any kind was received by Lincoln. It is pointed out that if the impression that Lincoln saw the former emperor was permitted to stand, it would embarrass the Dutch Government, which maintains strict control over visitors to the castle, who must receive special cards from the government countersigned by the burgomaster of Amerongen before they are able to pass the guards. Lincoln did not receive any such cards.

Expelled from United States

Lincoln, formerly a member of the British Parliament and German agent, who five weeks ago was released from prison in England, arrived at Amerongen Friday. Lincoln was accompanied by a German who registered at a hotel as "Herr Anderson," about whose identity there is much secrecy, but who is believed to occupy a prominent post among the monarchists of Germany.

It was believed that Lincoln came to Amerongen for the purpose of obtaining

### BELGIAN-DUTCH BREAK REPORTED

Each Nation Has Withdrawn Envoy, Wireless Dispatch From Berlin Declares

FRONTIER DISPUTE GRAVE

By the Associated Press

London, Sept. 22.—An official wireless dispatch from Berlin, dated Saturday, says the Belgian ambassador at The Hague having been withdrawn, the Dutch ambassador at Brussels also has been withdrawn.

Baltimore, Sept. 22.—On being told of the report of the break of relations between Belgium and Holland, Cardinal Mercier exhibited only mild surprise, saying: "I knew there were difficulties, but had no reason to suppose a break was imminent."

Several others of his entourage were not only not perturbed, but were apparently not displeased that the break had come.

Asked whether Belgium anticipated war, neither Cardinal Mercier nor his secretary would deny its possibility. "Many Belgians would welcome it," volunteered Monsieur Francois Dessain, who acts as spokesman for the cardinal. Monsieur Dessain let it be inferred that Belgium would be the aggressor in any step that might be taken following the break since the two issues dividing the opinion of the respective governments are of more vital to the future of Belgium than to the Netherlands.

These issues are, respectively, military and commercial. The first involves possession of that portion of the province of Limburg, extending as far north as the northernmost boundary line of Belgium. The second involves control of the south bank of the Scheldt river, west of Antwerp, as insurance against closing of the river in time of war, or against trade aggression in time of peace.

A third issue, according to Monsieur Dessain, naturally might be evolved out

### SOVIETS END PEACE PARLEY

Russia Wants Estonia to Negotiate Independently

Want Merchant Marine Dropped

By the Associated Press

Copenhagen, Sept. 22.—(By A. P.)—The peace negotiations which had been in progress between the Bolsheviks, Estonians and Poles have been broken off, according to a wireless dispatch to the Estonian Press Bureau here.

The Estonian peace delegates, who have returned to Reval, say, according to the dispatch, that when they notified the Bolshevik envoys that Estonia would only conduct negotiations jointly with the other border states the Bolsheviks declined to postpone the negotiations pending the receipt of assent from other states and declared the conference at an end.

Nevertheless they said they were ready to resume the discussion at any time. The Bolsheviks said their negotiations with Poland also had been broken off.

A plan for the gradual disposition of the government fleet of merchant vessels will be urged upon Congress by the executive committee of the National Merchant Marine Association, of which Emil P. Albrecht, president of the Philadelphia Bourse, is a member.

### SOON TO DEMAND KAISER

Belgian Paper Hears Allies Will Act in Fortnight

Paris, Sept. 22.—The Dutch minister in Paris has been advised, according to the Libre Belgique, of Brussels, that Holland within two weeks, will receive a demand for the extradition of former Emperor William on behalf of the Allies.

Paris newspapers last week reported that Premier Lloyd George, then on a visit to the French capital, was insisting that the supreme council agree before he left to make a demand on Holland for the ex-kaiser's extradition.

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